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Table IV Footnotes

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40 It is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the features and embodiments hereinabove specifically set forth, but can be carried out in other ways and manners.

Claims

Claims for the following Contracting States : BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE

45 1. A fluid composition for treatment of metabolic acidosis in a living human comprising water having dissolved therein the following components in the respective amounts indicated:

	<u>Compon nt</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
	<u>Cations</u>	(in mM)
5	Na ⁺	0-2400
	K ⁺	0-60
	Ca ²⁺	0-4
	Mg ²⁺	0-3
10	<u>Anions</u>	
	l-lactate	0-2400
	pyruvate	0-55
15	d-betahydroxy- butyrate	0-2400
	acetoacetate	0-2400

20 provided that the total amount of l-lactate, pyruvate, d-betahydroxybutyrate and/or acetoacetate anions present in any given solution ranges from 0.1 to 2400 mM with the total amount of said cations being such as to achieve electrical neutrality in such given solution, and further provided that said solution has a pH ranging from 5 to 8.2.

25 2. A solution for rehydration, electrolyte replacement, and nutrition comprising water having dissolved therein the following components in the respective quantities indicated:

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
	<u>Cations</u>	(in mM)
30	Na ⁺	130-160
	K ⁺	2-10
35	Ca ²⁺	0.5-2.5
	Mg ²⁺	0-1.5
	<u>Anions</u>	
40	Cl ⁻	90-115
	l-lactate ⁻	0-55
	pyruvate	0-55
	d-betahydroxy- butyrate	0-55
45	acetoacetate	0-55

50 provided that in any given said solution, the total amount of l-lactate, pyruvate, d-betahydroxybutyrate and/or acetoacetate unions present ranges from 0.1 to 55 mM with the total amount of said cations being such us to achieve electrical neutrality in any given said solution, and further provided that said solution has a pH ranging from 6.0 to 7.5.

55 3. A solution for dialysis therapy comprising water having dissolved therein the following components in the respective amounts indicated:

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
	<u>Cations</u>	(in mM)
5	Na ⁺	130-145
	K ⁺	0-4
	Ca ²⁺	0.5-2.0
	Mg ²⁺	0-1.0
10	<u>Anions</u>	
	Cl ⁻	90-120
	l-lactate ⁻	0-55
15	pyruvate	0-55
	d-betahydroxybutyrate	0-55
	acetoacetate	0-55

20 provided that the total amount of l-lactate, pyruvate, d-betahydroxybutyrate and/or acetoacetate unions present in any given solution ranges from 0.1 to 55 mM with the total number of indicated cations present being such as to achieve electrical neutrality, and also provided that said solution has a pH ranging from 5 to 8.2.

25 4. The solution of claim 3 wherein said solution additionally contains from 20 to 55 mM of bicarbonate anions and wherein said solution also contains a sufficient portion of at least one of said l-lactate, pyruvate, d-betahydroxybutyrate, and/or acetoacetate anions which are derived at least in part from the addition to said solution of, respectively, at least one of l-lactic acid, pyruvic acid, d-betahydroxybutyric acid and/or acetoacetic acid in a total amount which is sufficient to produce a pH in the range from 5 to 8.2, and said solution contains sufficient nonionic dissolved nutrients to achieve a solution milliosmolarity of from 250 to 550 mOsmoles/Liter.

30 5. The solution of claim 3 wherein said solution additionally contains from 20 to 55 mM of bicarbonate anions and wherein said solution also contains a sufficient portion of at least one of said l-lactate, pyruvate, d-betahydroxybutyrate, and/or acetoacetate anions derived from the addition to said solution of, respectively, at least one of l-lactic acid, pyruvic acid, d-betahydroxybutyric acid and/or acetoacetic acid in a total amount which is sufficient to produce a pH in the range from 5.5 to 7.5, and said solution also contains sufficient nonionic dissolved nutrients to achieve a solutions milliosmolarity of from 260 to 40 550 mOsmoles/Liter.

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45 1. A method of preparing a fluid composition for treatment of metabolic acidosis in a living human comprising forming an aqueous solution of the following components in the respective amounts indicated: